

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A device for triggering restraining means (15) in a vehicle, the device being configured in such a way that the device takes a vehicle velocity of the vehicle into account in the triggering of the restraining means (15), wherein the device is configured such that the device considers the vehicle velocity as a function of a signal from at least one remote sensor.
2. The device as recited in Claim 1, wherein the sensor (10, 11) is an acceleration sensor.
3. The device as recited in Claim 1 or 2, wherein the device is configured such that the device modifies at least one threshold to which at least one crash signal is compared for the triggering of the restraining means, as a function of the vehicle velocity.
4. The device as recited in Claim 3, wherein the device subdivides the vehicle velocity into a predefined class as a function of a magnitude of the vehicle velocity and then modifies the threshold as a function of the class.
5. The device as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein the at least one remote sensor (10, 11) is an upfront sensor.
6. The device as recited in Claim 5, wherein the device is configured such that the device compares the signal of the upfront sensor (10, 11) to a plausibility threshold (40), the plausibility threshold (40) lying below a trigger threshold (41) for generating the crash signal of the upfront sensor (10, 11) and the vehicle velocity is taken into consideration in the triggering of the restraining means (15) as a function of this comparison.
7. The device as recited in one of Claims 3 through 6, wherein the vehicle velocity leads to a modification of the threshold in a frontal algorithm.

8. The device as recited in one of Claims 3 through 6,
wherein the vehicle velocity leads to a modification of the threshold in an upfront
algorithm.